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Virginia Air Board  
c/o Terry Darton  
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Dear Air Board-

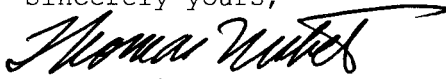
I am writing in support of Mirant Power's plan to improve their facility through the stack merge project. These improvements make it possible for them to improve on their already satisfactory environmental measures without the need to increase the height of the stacks themselves.

I have lived in this community since 1970 and while I can see some of the concerns regarding environmental issues, I believe people are a bit off base in their expectations of the Potomac River Generating Station. This is like having someone move into a high rise next to the airport and being surprised and annoyed about sound levels in the area.

Mirant has taken steps to research methods to reduce their impact on the surrounding environment and their stack merge project has been endorsed by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Now our responsibility is to ensure they are permitted to carry out the needed renovations and stop these political power games that only serve to waste our tax dollars. We need the energy they provide and as long as they are being responsible to the community they serve, they should be permitted to make the improvements they have been applying for.

I am retired after 45 years with the Federal government, and I am surprised that we would allow the City Council to waste our time and money in such a pointless effort such as they have the last few years.

Sincerely yours,

  
Thomas Nisbet

*I favor anything to increase  
energy in Northern Virginia!*  
